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At Press Time:

Baltimore Simmers As Protests, Patrols Continue

Protestors near riot police along Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore, Tuesday afternoon, April 28, 2015. Fifteen structural fires, 144 vehicle fires and at least 5 injured officers were reported since rioting broke out Monday night following Freddie Gray's funeral.

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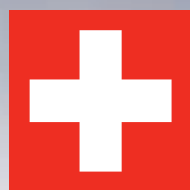
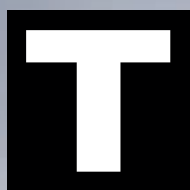
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At Press Time:

Baltimore simmers as unrest, protests, patrols continue

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Associated Press
BALTIMORE (AP) —

Baltimore was a city on edge Tuesday as hundreds of National Guardsmen patrolled the streets against unrest for the first time since 1968, hoping to prevent another outbreak of rioting. Maryland's governor vowed there would be no repeat of the looting, arson and vandalism that erupted Monday in some of the city's poorest neighborhoods and sent a shudder through all of Baltimore.

But in a measure of how tense things were, the city was under a 10 p.m.-to-5 a.m. emergency curfew. All public schools were closed. And the Baltimore Orioles baseball team canceled Tuesday night's game at Camden Yards and — in what may be first in baseball's 145-year history — announced that Wednesday's game will be closed to the public.

The looting and rock- and bottle-throwing by mostly black rioters broke out just hours after the funeral of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who suffered a fatal spinal cord injury while in police custody. It was the worst such violence in the U.S. since the unrest that erupted last year over the death of Michael Brown, the unarmed black 18-year-old shot by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

The streets were largely calm all morning and into the evening. But police with riot shields lined up shoulder to shoulder and kept close watch over a growing, chanting crowd of about 1,000 people at the corner where some of the worst violence took place the night before. The real test was expected after dark, with the start of the curfew.

Political leaders and resi-

dents called the violence a tragedy for the city and lamented the damage done by the rioters to their own neighborhoods.

"It's disruption of a community. The same community they say they care about, they're destroying. You can't have it both ways," Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake said.

But the rioting also brought out a sense of civic pride and responsibility among many Baltimore residents, with hundreds of volunteers turning out to sweep the streets of glass and other debris with brooms and trash bags donated by hardware stores.

CVS store manager Haywood McMorris said the destruction didn't make sense: "We work here, man. This is where we stand, and this is where people actually make a living."

As the day wore on, police fielded rumors of would-be rioters gathering at various places in and around Baltimore, but as of late afternoon, only a few scattered arrests were reported.

The street corner where some of the worst violence occurred resembled a street festival. Musicians played in the intersection, surrounded by an appreciative crowd, street vendors hawked bottles of water, and the crowd largely ignored the line of police in riot gear stretched across West North Avenue.

"We're not going to have another repeat of what happened last night," Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said. "We're going to make sure we get Baltimore back on track."

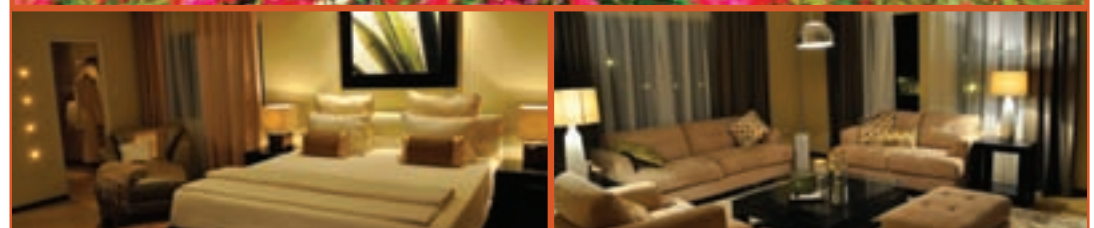
Hogan said there were "a couple of thousand" National Guardsmen and police officers from various communities and states in Baltimore, with more on the way.

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Jerrie McKenny, center left, and her sister, Tia Sexton embrace as people sing the hymn Amazing Grace Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in Baltimore, in the aftermath of rioting following Monday's funeral for Freddie Gray, who died in police custody. The streets were largely calm in the morning and into the afternoon, but authorities remained on edge against the possibility of another outbreak of looting, vandalism and arson.

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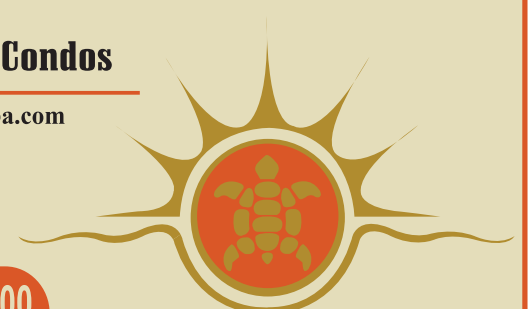


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Obama, Abe declare progress, but no breakthrough, on trade

JIM KUHNHENN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama acknowledged Friday the challenge he faces winning U.S. congressional support for a major Asia-Pacific trade deal that has become a cornerstone of his second term agenda. "It's never fun passing a trade bill in this town," the president said as he and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declared their determination to seeing the deal through.

Both Obama and Abe face domestic pressures on trade that have not only created sticking points between Japan and the U.S., but have also complicated Obama's ability to win support for a broader 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement. With Japan and the U.S. as the largest economies in those negotiations, resolving their own differences could go far in paving the way for the more extensive trade deal.

"I know that the politics around trade can be hard in both our countries," Obama said, as Abe stood by his side during a Rose Garden news conference. While Abe's visit to the White House was not expected to yield a trade breakthrough, the lack of a final accord between the two nonetheless stood out given agreement in other areas, particularly on changes to U.S.-Japan defense guidelines — an area where both countries share more common ground. The new rules boost Japan's



President Barack Obama hosts a state arrival ceremony for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Tuesday, April 28, 2015, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.
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military capability amid growing Chinese assertiveness in disputed areas in the East and South China Sea claimed by Beijing. Referring to the trade barriers on vehicles that have been one of the main sticking points in the U.S.-Japan trade talks, Obama said: "There are many Japanese cars in America, I want to see more American cars in Japan as well."

Abe said he is eager to see "the early conclusion" of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement, adding that on outstanding issues over trade barriers "we welcome the fact that significant progress was made." Before completing the deal, however, Obama must win expanded negotiating authority from the U.S. Congress, a difficult task given opposition from liberals and labor unions who say they fear the loss of American jobs. As a result, Obama's stiffest resistance has come from members of his own Demo-

cratic Party. Abe faces his own trade politics at home. Japan has longstanding protections for politically powerful farm interests. Moreover, an aging population and changing tastes have lowered the consumption of rice, resulting in significant surpluses that Japan has protected with tariffs and other supports.

Still, Obama said: "I know that Prime Minister Abe, like me, is deeply committed to getting this done, and I'm confident we will."

China's economic and military footprint hung over the Abe visit. In the face of China's rise, Obama has sought to display more U.S. economic and security might in the Asia-Pacific region. He said the U.S. sees China as a booming potential market and partner for U.S. development efforts overseas, noting that hundreds of millions of Chinese have been pulled out of poverty in recent years. □



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After historic arguments, court to rule on same-sex marriage

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pivotal Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose vote could decide the same-sex marriage issue for the U.S. did not tip his hand Tuesday in historic arguments at the Supreme Court. But Kennedy's record on the issue could give encouragement to gay and lesbian couples.

As advocates and protesters demonstrated outside, the author of the court's three prior gay rights rulings talked about the touchstones of dignity and concern for children in same-sex households that drove his favorable earlier opinions.

But he also worried about changing the definition of marriage from the union of a man and a woman, a meaning that he said has existed for "millennia-plus time."

"It's very difficult for the

court to say 'We know better'" after barely a decade of experience with same-sex marriage in the United States, Kennedy told Mary Bonauto, a lawyer representing same-sex couples. The 78-year-old justice's likely role as a key, perhaps decisive vote by the nine-member panel was reinforced during arguments that lasted 2½ hours in a rapt courtroom and appeared to divide the court's liberal and conservative justices over whether the U.S. Constitution gives same-sex couples the right to marry. Those couples can do so now in 36 states and the District of Columbia, and the court is weighing whether gay and lesbian unions should be allowed in all 50 states.

"Same sex couples say, of course, 'We understand the nobility and the sacredness of marriage. We know we can't procreate, but we want the other attri-



Shelly Bailes, 74, left, and her wife, Ellen Pontac, 73, both of Davis, Calif., kiss in front of the Supreme Court in Washington, Tuesday, April 28, 2015. The Supreme Court heard historic arguments in cases that could make same-sex marriage the law of the land.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

butes of it in order to show that we, too, have a dignity that can be fulfilled," Kennedy said in an exchange with lawyer John Bursch, who was defending the

state marriage bans

Tuesday's arguments offered the first public indication of where the justices stand in the dispute over whether states can con-

tinue defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman, or whether the Constitution gives gay and lesbian couples the right to marry. □

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Bilingual Jeb Bush talks immigration in Puerto Rico

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Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

(AP) — Jeb Bush confronted one of the Republican Party's touchiest debates head-on Tuesday, telling Puerto Ricans that conservatives should be proud that America is "an immigrant nation" and value the contribution immigrants make to the country.

The former Florida governor and 2016 GOP presidential prospect delivered a speech on economic opportunities peppered with Spanish, and his audience responded with hearty applause. He's fluent in the language, and often uses it in Florida, but it's rarely heard in Republican presidential campaign politics. Immigration is a delicate subject for Bush in the primary race, with several potential rivals favoring a harder line on those who come to the U.S. illegally. But he took it up unapologetically in his remarks.

"We're an immigrant nation and we should be proud," he said, as someone in the audience yelled, "Yes!"

"We should create an immigration system that drives



Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush speaks during an event at the Metropolitan University in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Tuesday, April 28, 2015. The former Florida governor delivered a speech on economic opportunities partly in Spanish on Tuesday, and his audience responded with hearty applause. Bush is fluent in the language, and often uses it in Florida, but it's rarely heard in Republican presidential campaign politics.

economic opportunity for all of us," he added. "We should move toward protecting the rule of law, protecting our border, making legal immigration easier than illegal immigration for sure, but we also want to look at this as a huge opportunity."

Said Bush, "The conserva-

tive cause would be better to embrace this rather than push it away."

Bush also endorsed the idea of statehood for the U.S. territory, winning great applause.

"I think statehood is the best path," he told his audience at the Metropolitan University of Cupey. "To get

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

the full benefits and responsibilities of citizenship, being a state is the only way to make that happen."

Republicans have generally and gingerly endorsed statehood as an option, if Puerto Ricans choose it, but some worry that it could result in more Democrats elected to Congress. Puer-

to Rico has held four non-binding referendums on the issue, with statehood never garnering a clear majority.

Bush was in the territory for a fundraising event and town hall meeting with Republicans. He is expected to announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination, joining Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ted Cruz of Texas, as well as many other prospective rivals, in the race. Puerto Rico's Republican Party leader, Carlos Mendez, leaned forward at one point and passed on an index card with the question everyone was wondering: "Are you going to run for president?" Bush laughed and said: "I'm on the journey of considering that, trying to figure out if I have the support necessary to do it. Today's not the day to trigger a campaign but I appreciate the sentiment."

In large measure, Bush's purpose seemed to be to make a cultural connection on the island where he came to campaign for his father in Puerto Rico's first primary. "I learned how to organize intensely here," he said. "I learned the passion. I learned how to drink a lot of Puerto Rican rum."

And on his Hispanic ties, he smiled and said: "I know about the immigrant experience because I married a beautiful girl from Mexico. My children are bicultural and bilingual." His wife, Columba, is from Mexico.

Bush later appeared at a town hall meeting in Bayamon, where some 300 supporters cheered him and some waved flags bearing the GOP symbol, an elephant, with a star in the middle, representing what they hope would be the 51st state. □

AP sources:

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders to run for president

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Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vermont (AP)

— Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders will announce his plans to seek the Democratic nomination for president on Thursday, presenting a liberal challenge to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Sanders, an independent who describes himself as a "democratic socialist," will follow a formal statement

with a major campaign kickoff in his home state in several weeks. Two people familiar with his announcement spoke to The Associated Press under condition of anonymity to describe internal planning.

Sanders will become the second major Democrat in the race, joining Clinton. He has urged the former secretary of state to speak out strongly about issues related to income inequality

and climate change. The former first lady and New York senator is viewed as a heavy favorite in the Democratic primary and formally entered the race earlier this month.

The Democratic nominee will face the winner of a crowded Republican primary field. Three Republican senators have already entered the race: Marco Rubio of Florida, Ted Cruz of Texas, and Rand Paul of

Kentucky. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is also considered a likely candidate. Sanders plans were first reported Tuesday by Vermont Public Radio.

The white-haired senator and former mayor of Burlington, Vermont, has been a liberal firebrand, blasting the concentration of wealth in America and assailing a "billionaire class" that he says has taken over politics. □



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Survivors of Colorado theater shooting begin testifying



Surrounded by television photographers and reporters, Marcus Weaver, front, a victim of the shooting massacre at an Aurora, Colo., theatre, talks at the conclusion of the opening day of the trial for theatre shooting suspect James Holmes Monday, April 27, 2015, in Centennial, Colo. The trial will determine if Holmes will be executed, spend his life in prison or be committed to an institution as criminally insane.

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

SADIE GURMAN
DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colorado (AP) — Katie Medley was nine months pregnant, so

she picked a seat near the exit door, just in case she went into labor when her husband and a friend took her to see the "Batman" premiere nearly three years

ago. She saw the man in combat gear slip through the door and toss a can through the air, filling the theater with tear gas as he fired at the

audience. She dropped to the floor, squeezing with her belly between the chairs, and couldn't understand why her husband was still sitting upright.

Then she saw he had been shot through the eye, his face was gushing blood. She had to decide: stay with him, or flee in hope of saving their unborn son? Medley, the first witness called as testimony began Tuesday in the death penalty trial of James Holmes, said she took the hand of her husband and felt him squeeze hers back.

"I told him that I loved him and that I would take care of our baby if he didn't make it," said Medley, who gave birth to a healthy son, now 3, as Caleb underwent brain surgery in the same hospital.

Caleb, an aspiring comedian, survived with terrible injuries. His speech is barely intelligible, and he was pushed to the witness stand in a wheelchair. He answered questions Tuesday

by pointing to letters on a poster board for a court interpreter.

Defense attorneys said Holmes has "essentially admitted" killing 12 people and injuring 70 more, so there's no reason to make survivors relive their horror in the courtroom for months on end.

Instead, they want to focus on what was going on inside his mind, which they say was so addled by schizophrenia that his sense of right and wrong was distorted, and he lost control over his actions.

Perhaps signaling a strategy they'll use with many other victims whose lives were turned inside out by the shooting, the defense had no questions for the Medleys.

Holmes, who is being harnessed to the floor by a cable under his clothes, sat quietly. His parents, Robert and Arlene, showed no reaction from their seats in the second row. □





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Saudi Arabia foils US Embassy attack, arrests 93 suspects

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Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)

— Saudi Arabia on Tuesday announced the arrest of 93 suspects with ties to the Islamic State group who it says were planning multi-pronged attacks on the U.S. Embassy, security forces and residential compounds where foreigners live.

The list of targets recalls a wave of attacks launched by al-Qaida inside the kingdom from 2004 to 2007, which killed dozens of people, including foreigners, and threatened the stability of one of the world's most important oil-producing nations. Saudi Arabia is also home to Islam's holiest sites, in Mecca and Medina.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki told The Associated Press that Saudi Arabia's security forces are better prepared than ever to fight back against the Islamic State group. The kingdom is part of a U.S.-led coalition bombing the group in Iraq and Syria.

He said there have been five IS-related attacks across the kingdom in recent months that have killed 15 civilians and security personnel. But he said Saudis have largely ig-



Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki listens to journalists' questions during a press conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia said Tuesday, April 28, 2015, it has arrested a total of 93 people with ties to the Islamic State group in recent months, foiling their plans to carry out multiple terrorist attacks, including a strike on the U.S. Embassy in the kingdom's capital.

(AP Photo/Hasan Jamali)

nored the IS group's calls to take up arms against their government and attack the Shiite minority, security forces and foreigners living

in the kingdom.

"We do have a number of people who do respond to such calls and do try to carry out such terrorist

organizations' orders, but these people do not represent the Saudi population, do not represent the 20 million Saudis," he said in remarks to the AP a day before the announcement of the arrests, which took place over several months. Al-Turki said the security raids included a cell of 65 people arrested in March who were involved in a plan to target residential compounds and prisons. They also allegedly planned to carry out attacks aimed at creating sectarian strife. All but two in the cell were Saudi citizens.

Authorities also disrupted a plot for a suicide car bomber to attack the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh after receiving information about the plan in mid-March, he said. Two Syrians and a Saudi citizen were arrested in relation to the plot.

The timing of the alleged attack coincides with a U.S. decision to halt all consular services for a week starting March 15 at the embassy and diplomatic missions in Jiddah and Dhahran over security fears. The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh is located in a large and heavily guarded compound with other embassies. The embassy is surrounded by fortified barriers and guarded by police, and a U.S. Marine checks visitor passes inside. Last week, Saudi Arabia increased security around shopping centers and oil installations for a few days, also in response to security threats.

Al-Turki said another group of nine Saudis, including one woman, were arrested on suspicion they tried to use social media to lure a military officer into a trap and assassinate him. □

Kurds arrest alleged IS cell behind US mission attack

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP)

— Kurdish authorities announced Tuesday the arrest of an alleged Islamic State group cell that they said was responsible for the deadly bomb attack two weeks ago next to the U.S. consulate in northern Iraq.

The statement said the five-member cell had been in contact with the Islamic State group over the past several months while planning the car bomb attack in the Kurdish regional capital, Irbil, that killed three people and wounded five. No Americans were killed or wounded, and the con-

sulate was not damaged. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Four of the suspects were described as residents of Irbil, while the fifth is an Arab resident based in the city of Kirkuk. One more suspect is still at large, the statement added.

The United Nations meanwhile said gunmen abducted a local staffer in the eastern Iraqi province of Diyala. Eliana Nabaa, a spokeswoman for the U.N. mission, said the man was kidnapped on Sunday in the city of Baqouba near the government headquarters. □

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Rising anger in Nepal as quake relief trickles in



Residents carry their belongings that were retrieved from ruins of their homes after Saturday's earthquake in Bhaktapur, Nepal, Tuesday, April 28, 2015. Many people have camped outdoors in the chilly night cold since Saturday's massive earthquake that shook Nepal's capital and the densely populated Kathmandu valley.

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AUSTIN RAMZY

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KATHMANDU, Nepal - Residents of Kathmandu living in tent camps after Nepal's powerful earthquake said Tuesday that their biggest worry was a lack of safe drinking water, even as they endured their latest pelting of rain.

That and other claims of slow disaster relief have kindled growing public frustration here with the Nepalese government, which has struggled to deliver aid across this poor, mountainous country. Since the earthquake struck Nepal on Saturday, killing more than 4,000 people at the latest count, the government has instituted disaster-response plans; galvanized the army; and received planeloads of aid every day from dozens of other countries, including from India and China, Nepal's two big rivals. But residents have complained that the help is not reaching them or is arriving too slowly, and many accuse the government of incompetence, neglect or even corruption. "I don't think the government is doing anything," Sudesh Tulachan, a building worker and shop owner sheltering from the rain under a canopy where hundreds of Kathmandu residents displaced from their

homes gathered, including 24 of his relatives.

"Only this tent was provided by the government, but for everything else we have had to rely on our own labors," he said as relatives swayed their heads in agreement. "You can see how many humans are in need." It is a common complaint in the tent camps across Kathmandu, the capital, where aftershocks have deterred many residents from sleeping indoors and where many older buildings have crumbled into piles of broken brick. But the government faces a conundrum in distributing aid, said one senior military official. Though urban residents can protest loudest about their hardships, the most pressing needs are in isolated villages in remote valleys and mountainsides, where the earthquake caused devastating landslides. Prime Minister Sushil Koirala said Tuesday that the number killed could reach 10,000.

"Our primary, primary, primary goal is to rescue the people," the official, Brig. Gen. Jagadish Pokharel, a spokesman for the Nepalese army, told a group of reporters after a briefing on the aid effort. "We are also trying to synchronize it and to distribute to the needy people. We will do

our best."

For a government fractured by political rivalries, juggling the demands of distressed citizens could become more difficult if the clean water and other aid fail to flow faster in coming days and blunt public frustration.

"The supplies are coming in. The challenge is to get them to people, especially those who are most vulnerable," Peter Oyloe, the director for nutrition for Save the Children Nepal, said in a telephone interview. "Water is going to be a big issue as people stay outside and continue to want to stay outside because of concerns about earthquakes and the sense that something may happen." □

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Hopes for Greek deal rise as PM Tsipras, EU see progress



Greece's Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis arrives at the Finance ministry in Athens, on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. The European Union says that talks with creditors to keep Greece from going bankrupt "are being made more productive and efficient" as the country faces a growing cash crunch.

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Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Hopes for a deal on Greece's bail-out rose on Tuesday after the prime minister said he expected an agreement could be reached within two weeks and the European Union reported a pick-up in the negotiations.

Greek stocks rose and its sovereign borrowing rates dropped, a sign that international investors are less worried about the country defaulting on its debts in coming weeks.

The European Union said Tuesday that Greece's talks with its creditors were "being made more productive and efficient" as the country faces a growing cash crunch.

EU Commission spokeswoman Annika Breidhardt said the pace of talks has

"intensified" since a week-end meeting of eurozone finance ministers, where Greek minister Yanis Varoufakis came under intense pressure from his colleagues.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said in a television interview that ran into early Tuesday that he expected a deal would be reached by May 9, in time for the next eurozone meeting.

Greece has to repay the International Monetary Fund a total of almost 1 billion euros by May 12. It is expected to have enough money to make that, if it manages to raise as much as it hopes from a move to grab cash reserves from local entities like hospitals and schools.

But it faces bigger repayments in June it will struggle to honor without more bail-

out cash.

Breidhardt refused to elaborate on reports of the sidelining of Varoufakis as the prime contact in the bailout talks beyond saying ministers were happy to talk to any Greek representative, "as long as they have a mandate to negotiate." Varoufakis has been blamed by several officials as the main cause for the lack of progress in the bailout talks. At a eurozone meeting last week in Riga, Latvia, he again failed to come up with a list of economic reforms creditors are demanding in exchange for the loans.

Euclid Tsakalotos, minister of international financial relations and a close ally to Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, will now handle the coordination within Varoufakis' negotiating team. □

Portugal: Madeleine McCann's parents win libel case

BARRY HATTON
Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — The parents of missing British girl Madeleine McCann have won 500,000 euros (\$549,000) in a libel action against a former Portuguese detective who published a book alleging they were involved in their daughter's disappearance, according to a Lisbon court ruling published Tuesday.

The McCanns were seeking 1.2 million euros in damages from Goncalo Amaral, who was part of the police investigation into Madeleine's disappearance from a vacation home in Portugal's Algarve region in May 2007, days before her fourth birthday.

The claim included amounts for the parents as

well as for Madeleine and her younger twin brother and sister.

The court decided to award 250,000 euros each to Kate and Gerry McCann, but didn't grant the other claims.

It said Kate and Gerry argued that they were "totally destroyed" and "depressed" by Amaral's allegations and felt "ashamed" that they might appear to have been to blame for their daughter's disappearance, as well as being "seen as cowardly people who allegedly hid her body, pretending she had been snatched."

They say their daughter was abducted while unattended in her family's resort apartment in Praia da Luz on Portugal's south coast as her parents and their

friends dined nearby.

"More than financial compensation, what (Kate and Gerry McCann) want is public moral reparation," the court said.

The McCanns welcomed the ruling in a statement issued by the family spokesman, Clarence Mitchell.

"We are delighted with the judge's verdict today. We want to emphasise the action was never about money. It was entirely focused on the effect of the libels on our other children and the damage that was done to the search for Madeleine," they said.

"We would like to remind people that there is still an innocent little girl who is missing and that those responsible for her abduction remain at large," they added. □



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Ukraine says rebels firing rocket launchers again

PETER LEONARD
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Separatist rebels in the east of Ukraine have resumed the use of rocket launchers that should have been withdrawn under a February peace deal, Ukrainian military officials said Tuesday. The army said in a statement that rebels fired Grad rockets Monday evening at the government-held town of Avdiivka, which lies on the fringes of the main rebel stronghold of Donetsk. There has been a recent uptick in clashes along the front separating government and rebel forces. Speaking at an investor conference in Kiev, President Petro Poroshenko warned that the resumption of full-blown war is a perennial threat. "War could start at any moment, but we are ready to do everything possible to dispel any room for doubts or retreats," he said. Oleksandr Motuzyanyk, military spokesman for the Ukrainian presidential administration, said one sol-

dier had been killed and 14 injured during the past day's unrest. He gave no details on where casualties had been sustained. "The geography of cease-fire violations by militia has broadened. For the first time this month, the enemy has deployed the Grad system against our servicemen," Motuzyanyk said. Eduard Basurin, the spokesman for separatist forces in Donetsk, in turn accused Ukrainian forces of dozens of cease-fire violations. Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe observations on craters created by recent impacts in the rebel-held village of Nova Marivka confirmed that Ukrainians troops had been using 152-mm artillery shells, Basurin said. More than 6,000 people have died and a million have been displaced by the conflict that has raged over the past year. A cease-fire tortuously negotiated by France, Germany and Russia in Minsk, the capital of Belarus, re-



Two boys watch as a Russian-backed rebel convoy rolls along the street of Stakhanov, eastern in Stakhanov, Ukraine. Separatist rebels in the east of Ukraine have resumed the use of rocket launchers that should have been withdrawn under a February peace deal, Ukrainian military officials said Tuesday.

(AP Photo/Mstyslav Chernov)

quires the warring sides to pull back their most powerful arms by distances over 50 kilometers (30 miles). Responsibility for checking whether the deal is being implemented lies with the OSCE, but its special monitoring mission said

late Monday that its monitors have been prevented by rebels from visiting a location where heavy arms have allegedly been deployed. For the third time in four days, the rebels have prevented the mission "from

freely accessing the eastern part of Shyrokyne," the OSCE said in statement. Shyrokyne lies directly on the front line and is a short distance east of the key industrial port city of Mariupol, which is in government hands. □

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Venezuela: Prison riot ends peacefully at crowded facility



An inmate with his hands behind his back is transferred to another prison after a riot broke out at the detention center run by Venezuela's Bolivarian police in Caracas, Venezuela.
(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A deadly prison riot ended peacefully early Tuesday after inmates released a guard they had taken captive to protest overcrowded and unsanitary conditions. The riot, in which one inmate was killed, began Sunday night when some 30 prisoners took control of a police detention facility in the densely populated

Catia neighborhood west of the capital. More than 100 police were deployed and around midday Monday prisoners, some with their faces covered, were seen on the facility's roof shouting complaints about the lack of food and water. Shortly afterward buses transferred a group of prisoners out of the facility and a guard was released. The chief prosecutor's office said one inmate, a

56-year-old identified as Juan Bautista Infante, was killed during the unrest at the hands of other inmates. In November, at least 35 prisoners died during what authorities described as a mass overdose triggered by a riot at a separate facility also suffering from overcrowding. Venezuela's prison population has doubled since 2008 as a result of rampant crime and stiffer sentencing. □

Venezuela shortens officials' work hours to save electricity

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuelan government workers are getting a few extra hours off each

day as officials try to save on electricity. Starting immediately, government offices will stay open only six hours a day, closing early at 1 p.m.,

Electric Energy Minister Jesse Chacon said Tuesday. Chacon said the country saw a sudden jump in power usage over the last week because high temperatures led to greater use of air conditioning. Many key sectors are exempt from the cutback, including schools, clinics, the oil industry and security

forces, he said Tuesday. Officials said they'll also increase inspections of hotels and shopping centers to ensure their compliance with mandatory reductions. It's unclear how long the emergency measures would last. A lack of infrastructure investment and surging demand driven by some of

the world's lowest tariffs has been battering Venezuela's electricity sector for years. The socialist country suffered major blackouts in 2012 and 2013. The administration blamed the power outages on sabotage, while opponents said they were the result of government incompetence. □

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Jamaica rights group charity status revoked

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's most prominent human rights organization has closed its legal department and laid off staff after losing its longstanding status as a charity, a leader of the group said. Barry Wade, chairman of the Jamaicans for Justice, said the government rejected the watchdog group's application to renew its charity status, forcing it to dramatically cut its operations and turn down certain grants from international donors. It now also faces some \$100,000 in back taxes. Wade said Tuesday the denial came due to concerns about the group's advocacy for legislative change, a reason he said is "puzzling." He also

asserts that the decision is "contrary to international norms." The government's Department of Cooperatives and Friendly Societies, which rejected the group's renewal application, did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Over the years, police officials have portrayed Jamaicans for Justice as being sympathetic to criminals and some politicians have accused it of trying to make the island look bad. But the group is widely respected among many. In 2008, one of its founders received the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights for her work against police slayings. Last year, the organization's reputation took a hit in Ja-

maica when it introduced a sex education program for children's group homes that it acknowledged was not properly vetted. The matter made headlines for weeks on the island, in large part because the sex education material for young wards of the state included references to anal sex, which is illegal in Jamaica. In 2013, the rights group waged a petition and online video campaign demanding reforms in the treatment of children in state care that prompted Youth Minister Lisa Hanna to describe the work as "dangerous and clearly designed to damage the reputation of the country." □



An update on the Island's first Green Construction project: Boegoeroei Residence Road Construction Concludes



NOORD - The new Cas Bon NV project in Noord targeting young professionals as potential land a homeowners, has recently completed the construction of its internal access roads.

The terrain in the conveniently situated Boegoeroei/Washington neighborhood, where 28 houses are being planned is home to the island's first Green Project boasting superior infrastructure.

The outlines of the street, the power and water lines, communication cables and drainage have been well thought-out and expertly planned. Recently with building permits in place, the developer proceeded to lay the inside project pavers and facilitate access to the entire area.

The homes being offered feature a modern and contemporary look & feel, at different configurations, starting at just Awg 225,000. The design models named after Aruba's popular trees, Kwihi, Kibrahacha, Dadel and Fofoti range in size from 96M2 to 150M2, and feature spacious bedrooms, as well as sizeable indoor and outdoor living spaces.

The architect Jouel Croes of Cast N.V. Architects, a young professional himself, tailored the design of the homes to the target

market, relying on his own understanding of the local culture and the dynamics



of life on the island, marrying technology and com-



fort to create a truly exceptional neighborhood. Following the desire of the Government of Aruba to become 100% green by 2020,

Cas Bon has announced Boegoeroei Residence as a sustainable project, implementing Green Construction principles, and making sure that homes comply with environmental principles and protection.

As a matter of fact, Boegoeroei Residence is proud to included solid block and

concrete construction, insulated windows, and well-



insulated roofs. Additionally, the developer is offering homeowner optional solar panel packages, water-recycling packages, energy-efficient appliances and inverter air-conditioning systems, at the time of purchase,

as well as garage construction and landscaping. Most importantly, these valuable options may be all rolled into the home mortgage payments via the bank.

A spokesperson for Cas Bon NV points out that this unique feature of bundling options with mortgage payments is available exclusively for the green Boegoeroei Residence clients, and studies have shown that the investment in additional green features

saves over time as much money as the investment itself.

Moreover, Cas Bon NV has secured a strategic alliance with the island's energy and water providers, WEB & ELMAR to promote SAVING TOGETHER, a joint effort of home owners and service providers to save energy and resources.

Boegoeroei Residence offers beauty, quality, style, security, and convenience, besides proper financing and well constructed homes, in strict adherence to budgets and time-tables.

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almost locals by now. How come? Well, they have been coming to Aruba for 23 years now, so they know the island inside and out and always come back for an-

other dose of sunshine and dinner at Tango. At Tango Jill and David enjoy the nightly live music outside and they are crazy about the pitchers of Sangria and the variety of



succulent steaks. Especially the rib-eye is their all-time favorite. This year's trip was especially happy, by the way: Jill and David celebrated

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The foundation is organizing a lot of great activities to keep the public coming and the sitters awake. There will be a daily jumble sale, zumba classes, a raffle, tango lessons and shows as well as a wide range of activities for kids. They are invited to join the handicrafts sessions, karaoke, a search throughout the Renaissance Marketplace and much more. Of course there will also be fantastic live music, so no-



body needs to be bored for one single second. One of this year's polesitters is Liesbeth Cornes, who is a veteran who has broken quite a few records already. To do so this year, it will take her an incred-

ible 88.15 hours on the pole without sleep. The polesitters get five minutes per hour off, which they can save up to a quarter of an hour. Liesbeth knows what she has signed up for: she is ready to break another

record.

The Aruban Food Bank really needs your support, so please come and join the fun while supporting this worthwhile charity. There are also a few poles still open for enthusiastic pole-

sitters, so if you have not registered already, please do so. Of course the Polesitting Championships will also feature the famous VIP poles, where local celebs will earn money for the good cause. □



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Associated Press

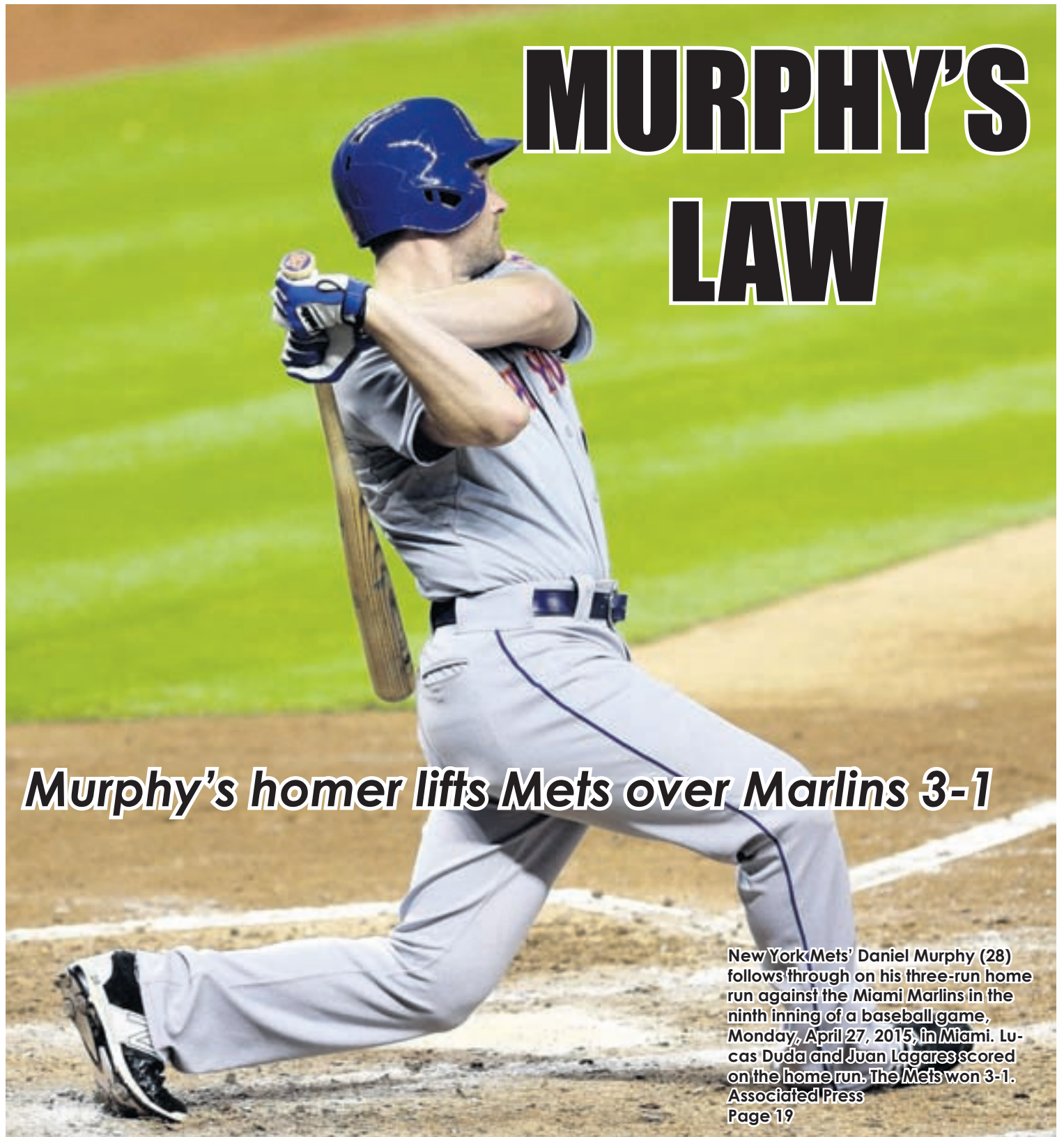
WASHINGTON (AP) — Every so often, in a bid to sound threatening, a member of the U.S. Congress has vowed to revoke the National football League's tax-exempt status. Now Commissioner Roger Goodell says the professional league will give it up voluntarily to "eliminate this distraction."

One result is that Goodell's compensation — about \$35 million 2013, and approximately \$44 million in 2012 — will no longer need to be made public.

In a memo to all 32 teams Tuesday, he wrote that "a change in the tax status will not alter the function or operation of the league office or Management Council in any way."

A business of about \$10 billion in annual revenues, the NFL has held tax-exempt status since the 1940s, and so was required to file a publicly available IRS form listing compensation for the highest-paid employees. Individual NFL teams do not have tax-exempt status.

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MURPHY'S LAW

Murphy's homer lifts Mets over Marlins 3-1

New York Mets' Daniel Murphy (28) follows through on his three-run home run against the Miami Marlins in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Monday, April 27, 2015, in Miami. Lucas Duda and Juan Lagares scored on the home run. The Mets won 3-1. Associated Press Page 19

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NBA Capsules

Bucks avoid elimination again, beat Bulls 94-88

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Carter-Williams had 22 points and eight assists, and Khris Middleton scored 21 points as the Milwaukee Bucks avoided elimination again with a 94-88 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series. With a 3-2 lead, the Bulls will try to close it out again Thursday at Milwaukee. No team has ever rallied from a 3-0 deficit to win an NBA postseason series. The Bucks regrouped after a nine-point lead dwindled to three, and they hung on again after a seven-point lead shrunk to four with just over a minute remaining. Carter-Williams hit 10 of 15 shots while outplaying Derrick Rose. Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 11 points and reserve O.J. Mayo added 10 for the Bucks. Pau Gasol had 25 points and 10 rebounds for Chicago but Rose and Jimmy Butler struggled. Rose was 5 of 20 from the field and missed all seven 3-point attempts. He com-



Milwaukee Bucks guard Michael Carter-Williams (5) scores past Chicago Bulls guard Jimmy Butler during the second half in Game 5 of the NBA basketball playoffs Monday, April 27, 2015, in Chicago. The Bucks won 94-88.

Associated Press

mitted six of his team's 13 turnovers. Butler scored 20 points but shot 5 of 21.

NETS 120, HAWKS 115, OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Deron Williams rebounded from two dismal games with 35 points as the Brooklyn Nets

leveled their series against the Atlanta Hawks at two games each.

The Nets, just 38-44 in the regular season, won the second straight in the series and moved two victories

from becoming the sixth No. 8 seed to beat a No. 1 — only the fourth since the first round became best-of-seven.

Bojan Bogdanovic made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:25 left in overtime but the Nets never would have gotten there without Williams, whose 16 points in the fourth quarter were two fewer than he had total in the first three games of the series.

Brook Lopez had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Nets.

Jeff Teague had 20 points and 11 assists, and DeMarre Carroll added 20 points and nine rebounds for the Hawks, who host Game 5 on Wednesday.

Kyle Korver had 16 points and 11 rebounds, but the NBA's leading 3-point shooter during the regular season missed three straight from behind the arc in the final seconds with the Hawks trailing by three.

TRAIL BLAZERS 99, GRIZZLIES 92

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)

— Damian Lillard had 32 points as Portland avoided elimination from the playoffs.

Memphis led by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter, but Portland rallied to deny the Grizzlies their first-ever playoff sweep.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Portland.

Game 5 is Wednesday in Memphis.

Memphis was playing without point guard Mike Conley, who was inadvertently elbowed in the face in the third quarter of Game 3 and underwent surgery on Monday morning. His status for the rest of the playoffs is uncertain.

The winner of the series goes on to face the Golden State Warriors in the second round.

Marc Gasol led the Grizzlies with 21 points.

CJ McCollum added 18 points for the Blazers, who snapped a seven-game losing streak to the Grizzlies — including all four regular-season meetings. □



In this March 25, 2015, file photo, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell addresses the media at a news conference at the NFL Annual Meeting in Phoenix.

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NFL

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The league's switch from tax-exempt to taxable does not affect its antitrust exemption, created in the Sports Broadcasting Act of 1961. That allows clubs to negotiate radio and TV broadcast rights together. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat, said the NFL's move "seems more like a PR stunt than a real gain. The tax-exempt status produces a pittance compared to its congressionally granted antitrust exemption — enabling billions in

broadcast revenue."

Blumenthal said he would reintroduce legislation calling for a review of antitrust exemptions for the NFL, Major League Baseball, NBA and NHL.

NFL owners gave the league's finance committee and management council the authority to change the tax status at league meetings in March, Goodell said.

The NBA does not have tax-exempt status, and Major League Baseball gave it's up in 2007. The NHL still is tax-exempt.

"The effects of the tax-exempt status of the league

office have been mischaracterized repeatedly in recent years," Goodell wrote to club owners. "The fact is that the business of the NFL has never been tax exempt. Every dollar of income generated through television rights fees, licensing agreements, sponsorships, ticket sales, and other means is earned by the 32 clubs and is taxable there. This will remain the case."

Goodell forwarded his memo to Reps. Paul Ryan and Sander Levin. Ryan, a Republican, chairs the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee; Levin, is that panel's top Democrat.

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Murphy's 3-run homer in 9th lifts Mets

The Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Daniel Murphy hit a three-run homer with one out in the ninth inning as the New York Mets ended the Miami Marlins' five-game winning streak with a 3-1 comeback victory Monday.

The Marlins grabbed the lead in the eighth with three consecutive two-out singles, breaking up Dillon Gee's shutout bid in a game that took only 1 hour, 58 minutes.

It was the fastest nine-inning game in the majors since the Padres and Astros also finished in 1:58 on June 27, 2012, according to STATS.

Jarred Cosart matched Gee by allowing just two hits in eight scoreless innings. But the Mets rallied against closer Steve Cishek (0-1).

The Mets (15-5) won with five hits. They have the best record in the majors and improved to 5-0 against Miami.

Murphy also made an acrobatic defensive play at second base in the ninth. Jeury's Familiar earned his major league-leading ninth save in as many chances. Carlos Torres (1-0) retired Giancarlo Stanton on a popup with two on to end the eighth.

PHILLIES 4, CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cole Hamels won for the first time in seven starts dating to last September, and Ben Revere's two-run double in the seventh inning was the go-ahead hit for Philadelphia against St. Louis.

Hamels (1-2) and John Lackey (1-1) both went seven innings. Hamels had a season-best nine strikeouts and allowed just four hits, while the Phillies put only two runners in scoring position before their three-



New York Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy (28) fields a ground ball hit by Miami Marlins' Michael Morse in the ninth inning of a baseball game, Monday, April 27, 2015, in Miami. Morse was out at first base.

Associated Press

run seventh.

The Cardinals have lost two straight since ace Adam Wainwright tore his left Achilles. The team announced before the game that the two-time 20-game winner will miss the rest of the season.

Jonathan Papelbon earned his fifth save and made it 13 strikeouts for Phillies pitchers.

BRAVES 8, NATIONALS 4

ATLANTA (AP) — Kelly Johnson homered and drove in three runs and Eric Stults pitched 6 1-3 strong innings as the Braves beat Washington to give the Nationals their sixth straight loss.

Johnson's two-run homer came in Atlanta's three-run sixth inning off Doug Fister (1-1). Fister gave up 10 hits and five runs, four earned, in 5 2-3 innings.

The Nationals committed four errors, including two by Fister on errant pickoff at-

tempts.

The losing streak is Washington's longest since six straight from July 19-24, 2013.

Stults (1-1) allowed two runs on four hits and three walks. Johnson had three hits, including a run-scoring single off Rafael Martin in the seventh.

CUBS 4, PIRATES 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Kris Bryant drove in two runs, Jason Hammel threw eight scoreless innings as the Cubs beat the Pirates.

Bryant got two hits, including a two-run single, as the Cubs won their third in a row. The prized rookie has nine RBIs in 10 games since being called up from the minors.

Hammel (2-1) gave up four hits, walked none and struck out seven.

Cubs rookie Addison Russell got a hit and scored a run in his Wrigley Field debut.

Russell lost control of his

bat in the seventh inning and it flew into the stands, injuring a fan. Cubs owner Tom Ricketts was seated near the fan, asked a team trainer for ice and a towel and assisted until paramedics arrived.

The fan was carried from the stands on a stretcher. There was no immediate report on the fan's condition.

Vance Worley (2-2) went six innings.

REDS 9, BREWERS 6

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jason Marquis hit a run-scoring single and slumping Jay Bruce homered and drove in three runs, leading the Reds to a victory over the Brewers.

The Reds ended a three-game losing streak by beating the worst team in the majors, one that's trying everything to get going. Manager Ron Roenicke left slumping Ryan Braun out of the lineup on Monday to

change things up.

All it led to was another loss that dropped the Brewers to 4-16. Marquis (2-1) had an RBI single during a four-run second inning that snapped the Reds' 0-for-20 streak with runners in scoring position.

ROCKIES 5, DIAMONDBACKS 4

PHOENIX (AP) — Justin Morneau hit a three-run homer and Tyler Matzek pitched five effective innings before leaving with a hamstring injury as the Rockies held off the Diamondbacks.

Morneau hit his three-run shot off Chase Anderson (0-1) in the first inning and made a diving stop to save a run in the sixth. Corey Dickerson had three of Colorado's 11 hits and drove in a run.

Matzek (2-0) allowed two runs on five hits before going out with a left hamstring injury after his first pitch of the sixth inning. Arizona cut a three-run lead to one by the eighth inning, but John Axford worked around a pair of singles in the ninth inning for his third save after closer Adam Ottavino went on the disabled list earlier in the day.

Paul Goldschmidt had three hits for the Diamondbacks, who have lost four straight.

DODGERS 8, GIANTS 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dodgers rookie Joc Pederson homered, doubled in a run and made a sparkling defensive play to deprive Angel Pagan of an RBI double, leading Los Angeles to a victory over the Giants.

Pederson's homer came in the sixth inning against George Kontos, and pinch-hitter Justin Turner added a three-run shot in the eighth off Yusmeiro Petit. □



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McCann homers, not A-Rod, to lead Yankees over Rays

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Brian McCann hit a tiebreaking home run and Adam Warren pitched effectively into the sixth inning as New York ended Tampa Bay's five-game winning streak.

Alex Rodriguez went hitless in three at-bats, failing to tie Willie Mays for fourth place on the career homer list at 660. But the Yankees won their fourth straight over Tampa Bay, moving atop the AL East alone for the first time this year. New York swept a three-game series at Tropicana Field from April 17-19.

Justin Wilson (1-0) pitched an inning for the win, and Andrew Miller earned his eighth save by finishing New York's ninth victory in 11 games.

Brandon Gomes (0-1) took the loss.

ROYALS 6, INDIANS 2

CLEVELAND (AP) — Alex Gordon, Mike Moustakas and the Royals kept AL Cy Young pitching award winner Corey Kluber winless this season, beating the Indians. Kluber (0-3) gave up six runs, four of them earned, and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings. After going 18-9 last year, he hasn't won in five starts and has a 4.24 ERA. Gordon drove in two runs, and had a go-ahead double in the sixth. Moustakas had four hits, including an RBI single in the seventh, and is 11 for 25 lifetime against Kluber.

The Indians committed a season-high three errors and have lost seven of 10. Jason Vargas (2-1) gave up two runs in five innings.

RED SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 5

BOSTON (AP) — Mookie

Betts hit a game-ending RBI single to lift the Red Sox to a victory over the Blue Jays.

Pablo Sandoval homered for the second straight day for Boston, hitting a solo shot before leaving the game with a sore neck. He also had a two-run single.

The Red Sox have won the opener of each of their seven series this season.

Russell Martin had a two-run double and rookie Devon Travis belted his sixth homer for the Blue Jays, who were coming off a three-game sweep against Tampa Bay on the first leg of their 10-game road trip.

MARINERS 3, RANGERS 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Taijuan Walker pitched seven solid innings, Nelson Cruz and had an RBI single against his former team as the Mariners beat the Rangers in a rain-delayed series opener.

Walker (1-2) struck out five and allowed only an unearned run.

The Rangers, on the same day they reacquired 2010 AL MVP and five-time All-Star slugger Josh Hamilton in a trade with the Los Angeles Angels, missed a chance to win consecutive games for the first time this season. Texas is the only AL team without consecutive victories. After rain delayed the start of the game for 55 minutes, Yovani Gallardo (2-3) walked the first two batters.

There was a fielder's choice grounder before Cruz put Seattle ahead to stay with his single through the right side of the infield. That was the majors-best 21st RBI for Cruz, who played in Texas



Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Brandon Gomes (47) reacts after giving up a solo home run to New York Yankees Brian McCann (34) in the sixth inning of a baseball game, Monday, April 27, 2015, in New York.

Associated Press

from 2006-13.

TIGERS 5, TWINS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes had a homer, a double and three RBIs to back David Price in the Tigers' victory over the Twins. Jose Iglesias raised his average to .397 with a homer and a triple among his three hits and Price (2-1)

gave up three runs on six hits and struck out seven in six innings for the Tigers (14-6), who have won three straight after a four-game losing skid. Joakim Soria picked up his eighth save in eight chances.

Danny Santana had two hits and an RBI for the Twins (8-11), who had the tying

run at second base with one out. Tommy Milone (2-1) gave up five runs on eight hits in four innings.

In other AL games it was Kansas City 6, Cleveland 2; Boston 6, Toronto 5; N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 1; Seattle 3, Texas 1; Detroit 5, Minnesota 4; and Houston 9, San Diego 4. □

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NHL Roundup

Capitals beat Islanders to advance in playoffs



Washington Capitals center Evgeny Kuznetsov (92), from Russia, shoots the game winning goal against New York Islanders goalie Jaroslav Halak (41), from the Czech Republic, and defenseman Johnny Boychuk (55) during the third period of Game 7 in the first round of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup playoffs, Monday, April 27, 2015, in Washington. The Capitals won 2-1, to advance.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rookie Russian forward Evgeny Kuznetsov skated around every opponent on the ice, putting Washington ahead with less than 7 1/2 minutes left in Game 7 Monday as the Capitals beat the New York Islanders 2-1 to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs.

Kuznetsov scored the sort of athletic, breathtaking goal his better-known teammate, Alex Ovechkin, often does, taking the puck from the right boards and heading across the ice before sending a rising shot over sprawling goalie Jaroslav Halak.

Joel Ward gave Washington a 1-0 lead late in the second period, and Frans Nielsen pulled New York even early in the third. Braden Holtby only needed to make 10 saves.

The Capitals now face the

Presidents' Trophy-winning New York Rangers, who eliminated Washington from the 2012 and 2013 playoffs — in Game 7 each time. The Islanders' loss ends their playing days at Nassau Coliseum, which opened in 1972. The team is moving to Brooklyn next season.

This was the first Game 7 of this year's NHL playoffs and it was a fitting conclusion to this particular matchup. Through the first six games, each team scored 14 goals. Each won on the road. Each won in overtime. And during the regular season, both finished with 101 standings points, and three of their four head-to-head meetings went to overtime. Washington, though, controlled Monday's action, outshooting New York 26-11.

Lightning 5, Red Wings 2 In Detroit, Tyler Johnson scored two goals in his

latest stellar performance as the Tampa Bay Lightning held on for a 5-2 victory over the Red Wings, forcing a Game 7 in their first-round playoff series.

Johnson and Jason Garrison scored in the first period, and Johnson added another goal in the second to give the Lightning a 3-0 lead. Tomas Tatar scored twice for Detroit, but Alex Killorn answered with an unassisted goal with 5:09 remaining, and Cedric Paquette added an empty-netter.

Ben Bishop made 22 saves for the Lightning, who led the NHL in goals during the season but had been struggling to score on the Red Wings and goalie Petr Mrazek in this series. Mrazek made a sensational save on Brian Boyle in the second period, but Tampa Bay had already taken a 2-0 lead by that point. □

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A Tale of 2 Cities

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

Large cities fascinate me. The complexity for everything to work smoothly is astonishing. My favorite is the removal of waste. In the European dark ages, a period notorious for horrific epidemic disease that spread rapidly, infecting and killing large numbers of people, household waste was just thrown out of the window into the street below. Life expectancy was a mere thirty five years. It wasn't until the end of the first Great War, when indoor plumbing and sanitary waste removal began did our life expectancy soar to today's seventy five years. Most people think it is the "advances" in medicine that have increased our life expectancy; not so, public hygiene has been the real reason.

Traditional Chinese Medicine maintains that our bodies reflect the world around us. Therefore, our bodies are like a city and to be healthy must have their own efficient waste management facility. Your body has seven ways or departments which help remove waste in its facility. Your body's elimination channels include: lungs, liver, blood, colon, skin, kidneys, and lymphatic system. Your lymphatic system removes waste material and excess fluid in the deeper layers of your skin; allowing healthier fluids and nutrients to enter thus promoting the healing and renewal process of your skin.

The word lymph comes from Latin means "clear water"

and it is fluid and protein that has been squeezed out of blood plasma. The lymph is drained from tissues in lymph capillaries which are porous. These lymph vessels form a network throughout the body as a one-way flow draining lymph from the tissue and returning it to the blood.

Lymph nodes are the filters of lymph and the lymph structure is found in every part of the body except the central nervous system. Lymphatic tissue also helps control the ability of your body to defend you from bacteria, virus, fungus, and other enemies, which gives you immunity.

There is no muscular pumping organ connected with the lymphatic vessels to force lymph onward like the heart forces blood, still lymph moves slowly and steadily along its vessels. Lymph flows despite the fact that most of the flow is against gravity or "uphill". This is because of the large number of valves that permit fluid flow in one direction only. The movement is due to deep breathing and muscle contractions. Of course, those of you who are "couch potatoes", your lymph is not moving as it should.

Lack of physical activity stagnates lymph in the nodes. Swollen glands, common with many illnesses is an example of lymph nodes enlarging in response to an infection such as virus or bacteria. A cat scratch can produce cat scratch disease and is one

of the common causes of lymph node swelling in children. Swelling begins about 2 to 3 weeks after exposure and may persist for months. The other most important function of your lymphatic system is to maintain the fluid balance of your body. Blood plasma filters into the spaces between cells or tissues. Much of this fluid is absorbed by tissue cells or reabsorbed by the blood before it flows out of the tissue. A small amount of fluid which is left behind can cause painful edema and destroy tissues. Limbs and breasts are common areas affected by blocked lymph. This problem is avoided by lymphatic vessels that act as "drains" to collect the excess fluid and return it to the blood before it reaches the heart.

Manual Lymphatic Drainage (MLD) is a therapy in which a trained practitioner uses gentle rhythmic pumping techniques to move the skin in the direction of the lymph flow. This specialized massage clears lymphatic blockages, eliminates metabolic wastes and toxins from the body, transports nutrients to cells and increases metabolic efficiency, all adding to the reduction of excess fluid and assisting weight reduction. It also has a calming effect on the nervous system relieving stress and tension and on the face; it helps rejuvenate collagen fibers, reducing puffiness and improves the appearance of the skin.

During exercise, lymph flow

may increase as much as fifteen times. Unfortunately, not everyone can exercise vigorously. Natural physicians have for thousands of years used cleansing and detoxification herbs such as Milk Thistle for the liver or Horse Chestnut Leaves for the circularity system to support natural organ detoxification and healthy bowel movement. Cleansing of the colon and dry brushing the skin are effective methods we use at Viana Healing Center to rejuvenating your lymphatic system and slow the ageing process. When dry skin brushing, use only a natural bristle body brush. Our energy medicine states that a clogged lymph node, if not drained will develop a cyst in seven years, a tumor in fourteen, and turn cancerous after twenty one years. Women are astounded when their breast swelling and bumps disappear after our lymph detoxification treatment.

Get The Point! Today, more than ever, we are exposed to a vast number of toxins in our homes, workplaces, air, food and water. We are not as physically active, nor does the soft material of our clothes stimulate the movement of lymph. Legs, arms, fingers and toes swollen with fluid indicate a problem with our lymphatic system. This problem is aging us well before our time. While you're cleaning up home, neighborhood or city after the holiday or any other festivities, remember good hygiene begins with your own body. Come in



for a lymphatic cleansing and make yours a tale of health.

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Apple's Mac is selling strong, iPad not so much

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple's iPhone was again the company's star in the first three months of the year. The tech giant sold 61 million iPhones, or 40 percent more than in the same period a year ago. That represented about two-thirds of its \$58 billion in revenue. But executives also shed some light on other well-known Apple products in interviews and a conference call with analysts Monday evening.

IPAD SALES DOWN

Apple's tablet computing device, once a red-hot consumer gadget, has suffered from a steady decline in sales over the last year. Apple sold 12.6 million iPads in the latest quarter, for about \$5.4 billion in revenue. That's down from 16.3 million iPads sold in the same period a year earlier. Analysts say consumers are realizing tablets aren't as useful for some tasks, and they're also waiting longer to buy new models. Apple CEO Tim Cook said Monday that some potential iPad users are opting instead for the company's new lightweight MacBook computers, or even the newer iPhone models that have larger screens.

But Cook said he sees a future for the iPad in business settings, where workers can use specialized iPad apps created by IBM and other commercial software developers. "I believe the iPad is an extremely good business over the long term," Cook said. "Precisely when it begins to grow again, I wouldn't want to predict. But I strongly believe that it will."

MAC SALES UP

At a time when market researchers say the personal computer market is shrinking, Apple is actu-



In this Sept 19, 2014 file photo, a customer shows off the new Apple iPhone 6, right, and 6 Plus at a store in Tokyo. Apple sold 61 million iPhones in the first three months of 2015, or 40 percent more than in the same period a year ago. That represented about two-thirds of its \$58 billion in revenue.

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ally increasing its sales of Macs. The company sold 4.6 million Mac desktops and notebook computers in the last quarter. That's a lot fewer than the estimated 13.4 million PCs sold by leading PC-maker Lenovo in the same period. But the Mac contributed \$5.6 billion of Apple's revenue last quarter and saw unit sales grow 10 percent, while market researchers at International Data Corp. estimate total PC sales by all vendors shrank nearly 7 percent. The growth in Mac sales was led by Apple's MacBook portables, said Chief Financial Officer Luca Maestri, although he did not break out desktop or laptop figures.

WATCH SALES UNDISCLOSED

Despite repeated questions, Cook and Maestri declined to reveal any sales figures for the Apple Watch, which went on sale

this month. The company is currently only accepting orders online and Cook said, "right now, demand is greater than the supply." But he said Apple is working to fill orders and expedite deliveries that have been delayed for several weeks, while increasing supplies to the point where Apple will begin selling the watch in more countries by late June. Currently, the watch is being sold in the United States, Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan and the United Kingdom. Maestri also said the watch will contribute to a slight dip in the company's profit margins during the first quarter that it's on sale. Cook, however, said that's typical for a new product when manufacturing and supply chains are still being refined, and he declined to offer any estimate for the watch's profitability over the long term. □

Study: Obama most followed on Twitter, pope most influential

BERLIN (AP) — A new study shows U.S. President Barack Obama is still by far the most followed world leader on Twitter, but Pope Francis is considered the most influential by the number of his messages retweeted. The annual Twiplomacy analysis of Twitter accounts released Tuesday by PR firm Burson-Marsteller shows nearly 57 million people following Obama, up from 44 million last year. Pope Francis was next with 19.5 million followers on nine language accounts, up from 14 million in 2014. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had nearly 11 million followers, Turkish President Recep Tayyip



President Barack Obama speaks about recent unrest in Baltimore during his joint news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Tuesday, April 28, 2015, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

Erdogan had more than 6 million, and the White House had almost 6 million followers. □

JetBlue shares fly higher as it beats 1Q profit forecasts

NEW YORK (AP) — JetBlue shares soared Tuesday after the airline gave an April revenue forecast that was much stronger than those from competitors.

The airline said it was getting a boost from its Mint premium service on coast-to-coast flights and from

schools in the Northeast spreading spring break over several weeks.

JetBlue said that revenue for every seat flown one mile in April would rise by between 3 percent and 4 percent. That figure is watched closely in the airline business, and it rises

when an airline fills more seats or reaps higher average fares. In the past two weeks, American, United and Delta forecast that revenue per seat would decline anywhere between 2 percent and 6 percent in the second quarter, which runs through June.

JetBlue didn't give a full-quarter outlook, but executive vice president Marty St. George said that per-seat revenue in May and early June would be "modestly" higher than a year ago. In late afternoon trading, shares of New York-based JetBlue Airways Corp. were

up \$1.39, or 7.1 percent, to \$21.10. That represents a 33 percent gain since the start of the year.

JetBlue's Mint service, which features lie-flat seats, was launched last summer on flights between New York and both Los Angeles and San Francisco. □

Wall Street ends mostly higher as earnings reports pour in

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks posted modest gains Tuesday as investors worked through another large batch of earnings reports. Pharmaceutical stocks rose after drug giant Merck reported better-than-expected results. Twitter plunged nearly 20 percent after its results, which were released early, missed analysts' marks.

Earnings season is at its busiest this week, with more than 150 companies reporting their results, including Apple, Exxon Mobil, Ford and others. So far, earnings have been coming in better than the gloomy expectations analysts had at the beginning of the month. But with stocks trading at all-time highs, there's little momentum for this market to barrel upward, strategists say.

"This market just feels tired to me," said Dan Morgan, a fund manager at Synovus Trust.

On Tuesday, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 72.17 points, or 0.4 percent, to 18,110.14. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.84 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,114.76. The Nasdaq composite edged down 4.82

points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,055.42.

Merck rose \$2.88, or 5 percent, to \$59.88. While the company's profits fell 44 percent from a year ago, the results still handily beat analysts' estimates. Adjusted earnings for the maker of diabetes drugs Januvia and Janumet were 85 cents a share versus the 75 cents expected by analysts. Other health care stocks also rose, including Aetna, drugmaker AbbVie and laboratory equipment maker Waters Corp.

The Nasdaq ended lower partly because of Apple, which fell \$2.09, or 1.6 percent, to \$130.56.

The iPhone and computer and maker reported a record quarterly profit of \$13.6 billion, but Apple's outlook was not as rosy as some analysts had predicted.

Apple had \$193.5 billion in cash on its balance sheet and plans on increasing its dividend and share buy-back.

Twitter was the center of some late-day drama when its quarterly results were unexpectedly released before the market closed. Twitter's revenue missed analysts' expectations, sending its shares



Trader John Liotti works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks posted modest gains Tuesday as investors worked through another large batch of earnings reports.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

down \$9.39, or 18 percent, to \$42.27.

Much of the focus this week will be on the Fed's two-day policy meeting, which ends Wednesday. Policymakers are discussing when the Fed should start raising interest rates again. The Fed opened the door to rate increases after its March meeting, but some recent weak economic data might complicate that picture.

"What we do know is the

Fed is going remain accommodative and keep interest rates low for the foreseeable future," said David Lefkowitz, senior equity strategy at UBS Wealth Management.

Another weak signal on the U.S. economy came out Tuesday. The Conference Board reported that its index of consumer confidence fell to the lowest level in four months as hiring slowed down.

The Conference Board said

its index fell to 95.2 in April from 101.4 in March. That was the lowest since 93.1 in December. The survey's measure of how respondents assess current economic conditions fell for the third straight month. Their expectations for the future also fell.

In energy markets, the price of U.S. oil rose slightly while global crude slipped. Benchmark U.S. crude rose 7 cents to close at \$57.06 a barrel in New York. □

Twitter stock tumbles after revenue, outlook miss

BARBARA ORTUTAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter's stock dropped sharply as the company's revenue and outlook fell short of expectations at a time investors are looking for stronger advertising growth to make up for less-than-stellar user numbers.

Twitter's adjusted earnings

for the first quarter topped Wall Street estimates but revenue fell short of expectations and of Twitter's own guidance. The company posted a loss of \$162 million, or 25 cents per share, in the January-March period. That compares with a loss of \$132 million, or 23 cents per share, a year earlier. Adjusted earnings were

7 cents per share. Analysts polled by FactSet were expecting 4 cents. Twitter's revenue rose 74 percent to \$436 million from \$250 million a year earlier. Analysts had expected \$456 million. Twitter's user growth pace has been lagging behind other popular social media companies, but for the most part the company

has been able to make up for that by making a lot of money from the users it has. That's why the revenue miss, and the lowered outlook, disappointed investors. The company now expects revenue of \$470 million to \$485 million for the second quarter. Analysts were looking for \$538 million. For the full year, Twitter is predicting

\$2.17 billion to \$2.27 billion, below analysts' average forecast of \$2.37 billion.

Twitter accounted for less than 1 percent of the \$145 billion digital advertising market last year, according to research firm eMarketer. In comparison, Facebook's share was nearly 8 percent and Google's was more than 31 percent. □

Hollywood Trumps Harvard



FRANK BRUNI
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Call me an idealist, but I'd like to think that the halls of higher education are less vulnerable to the siren calls of fame and fortune than other byways of American life are. I'd like to believe in a bold dividing line between academic virtues and celebrity values, between intellectual and commercial concerns. But Henry Louis Gates Jr., a renowned Harvard professor, and Mehmet Oz, a surgeon on the faculty at Columbia, get in my way.

I link the two because they're both in the news, not because they're equally in thrall to the television camera or identically unabashed peddlers of something other than fact. Oz is by far the more compromised figure. But Gates, too, exemplifies what happens when a lecturer is bathed in bright lights and gets to hang with Ben Affleck, who will soon be on-screen in Batman's billowing cape.

Affleck was a guest last October on the PBS documentary series "Finding Your Roots," in which Gates takes luminaries - Sting, Stephen King, Angela Bassett - on journeys into their pasts. Affleck signed up for the trip. But when he learned that he had a slave-owning ancestor, he asked that the detail be excised, according to communications between Gates and his friend Michael Lynton, the chief executive of Sony Entertainment. Their exchange was part of the hacked Sony emails recently shared by WikiLeaks.

"We've never had anyone ever try to censor or edit what we found," Gates wrote to Lynton, going on to fret over the "integrity" of the series. "He's a megastar. What do we do?" Gates left the detail out.

After the disclosure of this late last week, he insisted, unpersuasively, that the cut reflected nothing more than the need to make room for other ancestors of Affleck's who warranted inclusion in the episode.

Regardless, it exposed Gates, a trusted authority on the African-American experience, to accusations that he'd sold out. It diminished him.

But wasn't that inevitable from the moment he hitched scholarship to show business?

"We conflate what a PBS special is with academic work," Carol Anderson, who teaches at Emory University, told Jamil Smith

in The New Republic. "We have to understand that so much of what we see there is packaged for a nonacademic audience that wants the picture of really deep, intellectual discussion but is not quite ready for what that means."

What does the audience of "The Dr. Oz Show" want?

To judge by what Oz gives them, it's winnowed thighs, amulets against cancer and breathless promises of "magic" and "revolutionary" breakthroughs.

Oz has morphed not just willingly but exuberantly into a carnival barker. He's a one-man morality play about the temptations of mammon and the seduction of applause, a Faustian parable with a stethoscope.

Many Americans probably had no idea that he remained affiliated with Columbia - he's vice chairman of its surgery department - until they read last week about an email sent to the university by 10 physicians around the country. They accused him of "promoting quack treatments" for "personal financial gain" and urged Columbia to sever its ties with him.

He's expected to defend himself on television later this week, and his publicity machine has gone into overdrive, seeking to discredit the physicians and frame the issue as one of free speech.

But don't forget that he was called before a U.S. Senate panel last year to explain his on-air gushing about green coffee extract, raspberry ketones and other faddish weight-loss supplements. Admonishing him, Sen. Claire McCaskill noted that "the scientific community is almost monolithic" in its rejection of "products you called 'miracles.'"

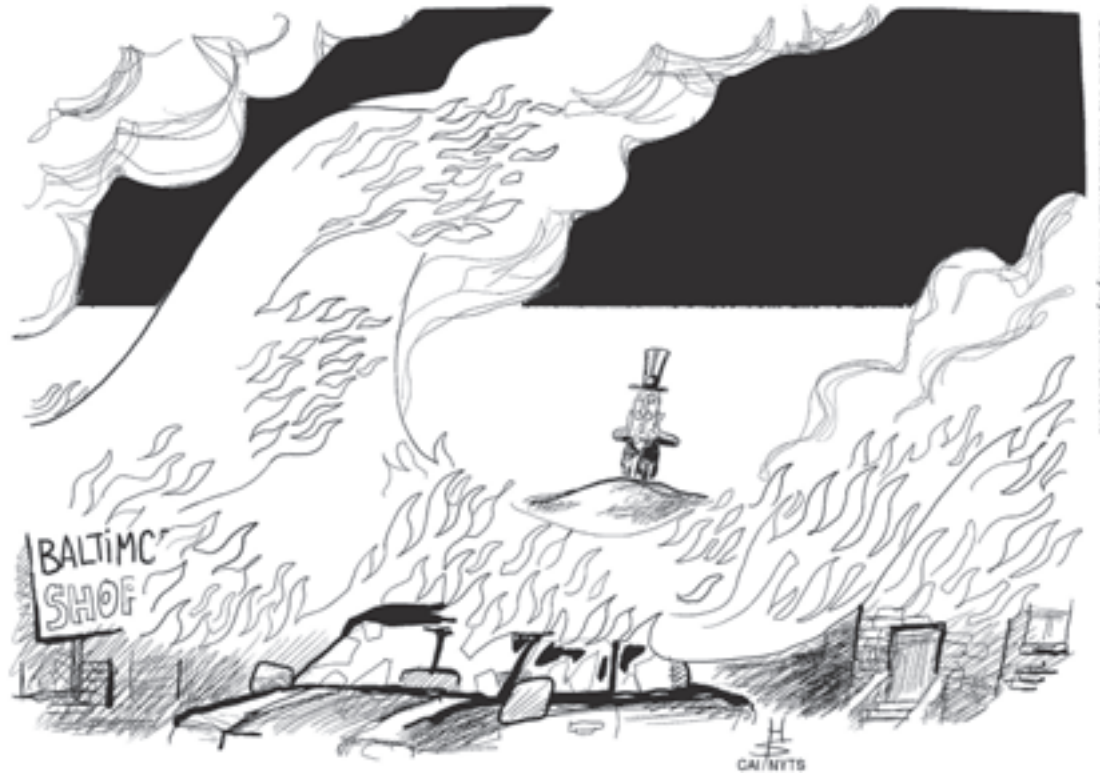
Also remember that the British Medical Journal published a study of scores of his show's medical recommendations, saying more than half didn't have sound scientific backing.

And bear in mind that the Sony emails included one that showed Oz to be eager, as Vox reported, "to use his platform on the show to help expand Sony's fitness and health-tracking devices market." Sony is one of the producers of "Dr. Oz."

But well beyond Oz, there's an unsettling corruption of academia by celebrity culture.

Many professors do double duty as television pundits, even though sound bites, which are inherently unsubtle, run counter to what scholarship exalts. And educational institutions choose speakers largely - and sometimes solely - for their star power. The University of Houston spent \$155,000 to schedule Matthew McConaughey for its commencement next month.

Maybe he's more learned than we realize. Or maybe erudition counts for less than buzz, even in those enclaves that are supposed to be about deep, durable things. □



Beyond Education Wars



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For the last dozen years, waves of idealistic Americans have campaigned to reform and improve K-12 education.

Armies of college graduates joined Teach for America. Zillionaires invested in charter schools. Liberals and conservatives, holding their noses and agreeing on nothing else, cooperated to proclaim education the civil rights issue of our time.

Yet I wonder if the education reform movement hasn't peaked. The zillionaires are bruised. The idealists are dispirited. The number of young people applying for Teach for America, after 15 years of growth, has dropped for the last two years. The Common Core curriculum is now an orphan, with politicians vigorously denying paternity.

K-12 education is an exhausted, bloodsoaked battlefield. It's Agincourt, the day after. So a suggestion: Refocus some reformist passions on early childhood.

I say that for three reasons. First, there is mounting evidence that early childhood is a crucial period when the brain is most malleable, when interventions are most cost-effective for at-risk kids.

Researchers are finding that poverty can harm the brains of small children, perhaps because their brains are subjected to excessive cortisol (a stress hormone) and exposed less to conversation and reading. One study just published in Nature Neuroscience found

that children in low-income families had a brain surface area on average 6 percent smaller than that of children in high-income families.

"Neuroscience tells us we're missing a critical, time-sensitive opportunity to help the most disadvantaged kids," notes Dr. Jack Shonkoff, an early childhood expert at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Growing evidence suggests what does work to break the poverty cycle: Start early in life, and coach parents to stimulate their children. Randomized controlled trials, the gold standard of evidence, have shown this with programs like Nurse-Family Partnership, Reach Out and Read, and high-quality preschool. These kinds of interventions typically produce cognitive gains that last a few years and then fade - but, more important, also produce better life outcomes, such as less crime, fewer teenage pregnancies, higher high school graduation rates, and higher incomes.

The second reason to focus on early interventions is that the low-hanging fruit has already been picked in the K-12 world. Charter schools like KIPP showed that even in high-poverty environments, students can excel. In New York City, which under Michael Bloomberg became a center for education reform, high school graduation rates rose to 66 percent in 2013 from 47 percent in 2005.

I support education reform. Yet the brawls have left everyone battered and bloodied, from reformers to teachers unions. I'm not advising surrender. Education inequity is America's original sin. A majority of American children in public schools are eligible for free or reduced price lunches, and they often get second-rate teachers in second-rate schools - even as privileged kids get superb teachers. This perpetuates class and racial inequity and arises in part from a failed system of local school financing.

But fixing K-12 education will be a long slog, so let's redirect some energy to children aged 0 to 5 (including prenatal interventions, such as discouraging alcohol and drug use among pregnant women).

That leads to my third reason: Early education is where we have the greatest chance of progress because it's not politically polarized. New York City liberals have embraced preschool, but so have Oklahoma conservatives. Teacher unions will flinch at some of what I say, but they have been great advocates for early education. Congress can't agree on much, but Republicans and Democrats just approved new funding for home visitation for low-income toddlers.

My perspective is shaped by what I've seen. Helping teenagers and adults is tough when they've dropped out of school, had babies, joined gangs, compiled arrest records or self-medicated.

But in Oklahoma, I once met two little girls, ages 3 and 4, whose great-grandmother had her first child at 13, whose grandmother had her first at 15, whose mom had her first at 13 and now has four children by three fathers. These two little girls will break that cycle, I'm betting, because they (along with the relative caring for them) are getting help from an outstanding early childhood program called Educare. Those two little girls have a shot at opportunity.

Even within early education, there will be battles. Some advocates emphasize the first three years of life, while others focus on 4-year-olds. Some seek to target the most at-risk children, while others emphasize universal programs.

But early childhood is not a toxic space, the way K-12 education is now. So let's redeploy some of our education passions, on all sides, to an area where we just may be able to find common ground: providing a foundation for young children aged 0 to 5. □

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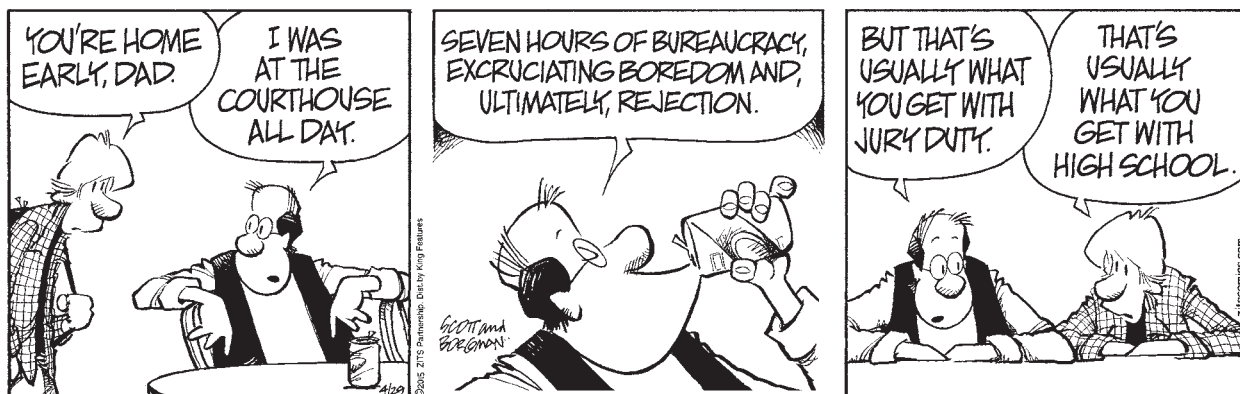
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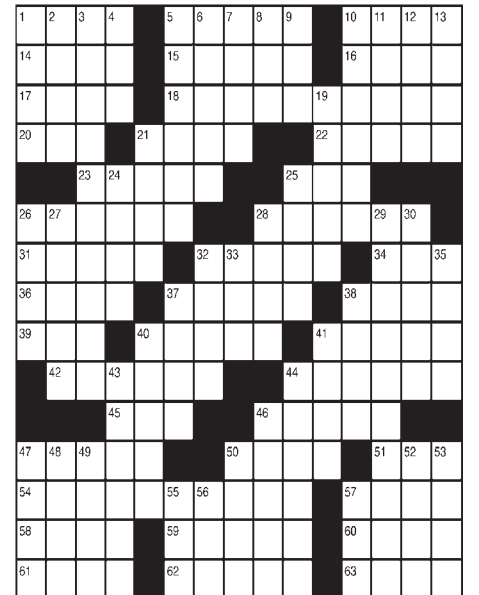
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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10 Mean guy
14 Take ___; assume control
15 Like school paper
16 Entreaty
17 Bodies of water
18 All-knowing
20 At the ___ of the day; ultimately
21 Jungle animals
22 Angry speeches
23 Reigns
25 Cereal grain
26 Comes up
28 Mr. Hemingway
31 Merlot or Riesling
32 Spanish father
34 Barbie's beau
36 ___ over easy; breakfast order
37 Hunger ___; empty stomach pains
38 Thin coin
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40 Baseball's Koufax
41 Lends a hand
42 In a ___; dazed
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57 Make indistinct
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60 To boot
61 Finest
62 Mike or Cicely
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11 Narrow valley
12 Payment to a landlord
13 Dines
19 Wading bird
21 Stein drinks
24 ___ up; spends
25 Hockey's Bobby & his kin
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27 Correct
28 Nervous
29 In a competent way
30 Musical speed
32 Window glass
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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41 Healthy
43 Nearly
44 Spreading tree
46 Freight
47 Spill the beans
48 "Arsenic and Old ___"
49 Lincoln's namesakes
50 Ho & Amehoe
52 Think deeply
53 Nudge; urge on
55 Performance
56 Plaything
57 Rotten

Baltimore

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National Guardsmen in helmets with face shields surrounded City Hall, standing behind bicycle-rack barriers.

The crisis marks the first time the National Guard has been called out to deal with unrest in Baltimore since 1968, when some of the same neighborhoods that rose up this week burned for days after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. At least six people died then, and some neighborhoods still bear the scars.

Jascy Jones of Baltimore said the sight of National Guardsmen on the street gave her a "very eerie feeling." "It brought a tear to my eye. Seeing it doesn't feel like the city that I love," she said. "I am glad they're here, but it's hard to watch."

At the White House, President Barack Obama called the deaths of several black men around the country at the hands of police "a slow rolling crisis." □

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Jaws meets kangaroo? Rare, cute pocket shark found in deep

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Think Jaws meets a kangaroo, with maybe a touch of cute kitten, and you've got the aptly named pocket shark — the newest and rarest species found off the U.S. coast.

Surprised scientists found a tiny, young version of the extraordinarily rare shark that was fished out of the deep Gulf of Mexico in 2010 with lots of other creatures in a government research trip. The dead specimen spent more than three years in a giant freezer waiting to be identified.

It turned out to be only the second of its species ever seen. The first pocket shark was found 36 years ago in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Peru and it's been sitting in a Russian museum since.

This pocket shark was a male, maybe a few weeks old, about 5.5 inches (14 centimeters) long. Strangely, this type of shark has two pockets next to its front fins; their purpose is not known. It's not quite like a kangaroo, which uses its pouch to



This photo provided by Michael H. Doosey at Tulane University, shows a photo of a rare pocket shark in October 2013 in Belle Chasse, La., taken out of the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, and discovered in a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration freezer and identified as the rare species in 2013.

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carry young, but few species have pockets this large — about 4 percent of the shark's body.

"It's cute," said Tulane University biologist Michael Doosey, who co-authored

a study in a zoological journal identifying the shark. "It almost looks like a little whale." National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration fisheries biologist Mark Grace has spent more than 30 years going through bags upon bags of fish to identify them. It took him more than three years to get to near the end of the freezer, when he plopped a bag on the table and let it thaw.

"I wasn't really sure what it was," Grace said. "That pocket over on the pectoral fin, I had never seen anything like that on a shark."

It's a small miracle that he was not thrown away. A couple of times, the lab with the freezer lost power. Once identified, the shark was shipped to New York and France for high-tech examinations that wouldn't puncture the specimen. The shark also has unusual belly patches not seen in most sharks. The only other pocket shark was a female adult about 17 inches (43 centimeters) long; it is believed that adult females may be larger than males. But the truly strange thing about this species strange is its twin pockets. While

no one knows what they are for, based on the Russian specimen Grace and Doosey speculated that they may secrete some kind of glowing fluid or pheromones.

The Gulf specimen has umbilical scars, showing he's probably a few weeks old, Grace said. Because of that they think he was born in the Gulf. He was captured in February 2010 by the ship Pisces about 190 miles off the Louisiana coast.

"There's others" out there, Grace said. "We just haven't caught them yet." □



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Book Review: 'Spinster' is thought-provoking look at singlehood

KIM CURTIS
Associated Press

"Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own" (Crown), by Kate Bolick

Even its opening lines are provocative: "Whom to marry, and when it will happen — these two questions define every woman's existence, regardless of where she was raised or what religion she does or doesn't practice ... Men have their own problems; this isn't one of them."

If Kate Bolick's debut, a somewhat unsettling memoir/history/cultural criticism combo, was intended to provoke thoughtful discourse, it's surely a success. Here she takes on the history of women who are single by choice, rather than default. She uses her own experiences and melds

them with those of five groundbreaking feminists, including poet Edna St. Vincent Millay and novelist Edith Wharton, whom she calls her "awakeners." The result is a uniquely American quest for a life without regrets — and without a partner. Much of "Spinster" rings true. For example, Bolick explains how "to live happily alone requires a serious amount of intentional thought." She explains the importance of choosing a place to live (big city preferred) where the needs of singles can be easily met, where there's enough cultural and social stimulation to stay busy and where one's circle of friends can be wide and deep enough, so no one is relied upon too heavily to meet too many needs. □

Rare Robert Redford family reunion at Chaplin Awards

LAURI NEFF
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Robert Redford says getting his entire family in one place at one time can be a challenge.

"We don't come together that easy," the actor said at the Film Society of Lincoln Center Chaplin Award ceremony, where he was honored with the prestigious prize as his wife, three children, their spouses and lots of grandkids looked on.

"It's the only time I can get everybody together," the 78-year-old actor said ahead of the Monday night affair. "All of them coming here was a shock, but a wonderful shock."

Redford said the Manhattan ceremony had a special meaning to him.

"I think it has a lot to do



Honoree Robert Redford arrives at the 42nd annual Chaplin Award Gala at Alice Tully Hall on Monday, April 27, 2015, in New York.

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with the fact that this is where my career started, in New York City — in the theater — and because that's the root of my beginnings," he said.

The award was presented to Redford by his "The Way We Were" co-star, Barbra

Streisand, herself a past Chaplin recipient.

Redford said his family affair will continue next month, when he'll give the commencement address at a grandson's graduation at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. □

Joni Mitchell's website says she's alert, recovery expected

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Conflicting information about Joni Mitchell's health was released Tuesday, with a longtime friend stating in a court filing that the singer was unconscious and unable to care for herself while a statement from the Grammy winner's website stated she is alert and expected to make a full recovery.

Mitchell has been hospitalized since March 31 for undisclosed reasons. Her longtime friend Leslie Morris filed a petition to become

Mitchell's guardian on Tuesday, stating that the singer-songwriter was unable to care for herself.

Within hours, Mitchell's official website stated that "She comprehends, she's alert and she has her full senses. A full recovery is expected."

Morris' court filing was accompanied by a doctor's declaration stating that Mitchell would be unable to attend a court hearing for four to six months, but it included no additional details on her condition or prognosis. Dr. Paul Vespa



In this June 18, 2013 file photo, Joni Mitchell waves to the crowd during her 70th birthday tribute concert as part of the Luminato Festival at Massey Hall in Toronto.

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checked a box signed on Saturday indicating that Mitchell was unable to participate in her medical care. "At this time (Mitchell) remains unconscious and unable to make any responses, and is therefore unable to provide for any of her personal needs," states Morris' filing, which was signed by her on Sunday and by her attorney on Monday.

Morris sought a court order because Mitchell does not have any family who can serve as her conservator and assist with her care and medical decisions. □

Pop star Mariah Carey makes grand entrance for Vegas show

KIMBERLY PIERCEALL

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — For anyone wondering what to expect from Mariah Carey's coming series of Las Vegas shows at Caesars Palace beyond her 18 No. 1 hit singles, her grand entrance provided a hint of what's to come.

"No matter what, we're going to make it into a festive moment darling. It's an extravaganza," she said Monday evening, backstage at The Colosseum.

The songstress arrived to the venue earlier to cheering screams at Caesars Palace's entrance in a classic 1936 pink convertible trailing behind 18 mobile billboards bearing the titles of her No. 1 hits including "Always be my baby" from 1996 and "Heartbreaker" from 1999. The gladiator-clad men took it from there, carrying Carey through the casino on a platform fit for Cleopatra.

The entrance marked her Las Vegas Strip arrival bringing her chart-topping hits to The Colosseum starting May 6 with performances



Mariah Carey is seen at her Official Welcome to Caesars Palace on Monday, April 27, 2015, in Las Vegas, NV.

through July on the same stage where Celine Dion, Cher, Bette Midler and Shania Twain have called home for their residencies. "Everyone in Vegas, there's a new girl in town," she told the crowd of smartphone-filming fans gathered inside the casino.

Called "Mariah #1 to Infinity," the show has 18 sched-

uled performances so far and has been timed with the debut of Carey's newest breakup single and music video dubbed "Infinity." Listeners have already drawn comparisons between the song and the end of Carey's marriage to Nick Cannon, the comedian and television host.

When asked what "Infin-

ity" is about, the mother of young twins with Cannon said it was about loving oneself first.

"It's kind of emancipating, a re-emancipation for me," she said, referring to her 2005 album "The Emancipation of Mimi".

Carey sang along to the new song on a stage inside the casino, at one point

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filming herself and the crowd with an iPhone.

The singer's career hasn't always put her at the top of the charts.

Her last album, "Me. I am Mariah ... The Elusive Chanteuse," was less than well-received.

She stands by the album, produced by label Def Jam before she returned to Sony Music, rather Epic Records, for the chance to work with Antonio "L.A." Reid again.

"I think giving your last album to a label that you're leaving is never a good idea because there's just not that incentive," she said, adding it's a new world for selling albums.

"If you don't go out there and promote it in the proper way and you don't have 100 percent of the label behind you, it's not going to work. It's just the way it is."

The Grammy winner, among the best-selling female solo artists of all time known for hitting the highest of notes, has also been criticized for recent live vocal performances. □

'Louie Louie' singer Jack Ely dies in Oregon at 71

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Jack Ely, the singer known for "Louie Louie," the low-budget recording that became one the most famous songs of the 20th century, died at his home in Redmond, Oregon, after a long battle with an illness. He was 71.

His son, Sean Ely, confirmed the death Wednesday.

"Because of his religious beliefs, we're not even sure what (the illness) was," he said. Jack Ely was original member of the Kingsmen, a band formed in 1959 that mostly performed cover versions of songs. Four years later, the group recorded "Louie Louie" at a studio in its home city of Portland. According to lore, it cost \$36. The song was written in the mid-1950s by Richard Berry, a Los Angeles musician with roots in doo-wop



In this April 16, 2009, file photo, Jack Ely, co-founder of the early 60's band The Kingsmen and best known for his 1963 rendition of the song "Louie, Louie", sings the song at his home in Terre Bonne, Ore.

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music. As he recorded it in 1957, the tune had a calypso feel and described a patron telling the barkeep he had to go, to get back to his girl waiting across the sea in Jamaica.

"Louie Louie" has been covered hundreds of times, a three-chord, garage-

band classic anybody could play soon after picking up an electric guitar.

Ely and the Kingsmen picked it up along with other Northwest figures such as Rockin' Robin Roberts and Paul Revere. The Kingsmen's version was recorded in 1963 and is the de-

finitive version, going from cult classic to rock-and-roll standard. It has inspired more than a thousand cover versions and there's no reliable estimate for how many times it's been drunkenly sung at parties.

In addition to the song's fame, Ely's incoherent singing also made it one of the most misunderstood. The FBI was so mystified by the hard-to-understand lyrics that it conducted an investigation into whether the song was obscene. They found it to be "unintelligible at any speed."

Over the years, Ely and other band members attributed the indistinct lyrics to the microphone suspended from the ceiling, forcing Ely to shout up at it. Sean Ely said his father got "quite the kick" out of the FBI's 455-page investigative report. He said his father certainly knew the words,

and wasn't just slurring nonsense.

"Right of his mouth, my father would say: 'We were initially just going to record the song as an instrumental and at the last minute I decided I'd sing it. It's all of this in a 10-by-10 room with one microphone. I'm standing on my tippy toes yelling into the microphone: Louie Louie! Louie Louie! We gotta go!'"

Ely had a falling out with the band shortly after the song was recorded. He later trained horses in Central Oregon and, according to his son, was content with his legacy as a one-hit wonder — a massive one-hit wonder, to be precise.

"He wanted to try on different occasions to pursue other endeavors in the music industry, but I think when it was all done and said he was pretty happy that he did 'Louie Louie.'" □

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